COAC Trade Efficiency Survey (CSMS #13-000314)

As part of U.S. Customs and Border Protection's (CBP) efforts to protect U.S. economic competitiveness, CBP is transforming trade processing to find efficiencies for both CBP and the Trade community. CBP utilizes various trade metrics to ensure these efforts are creating the highest value for the Trade community. One of these evaluation methods is spearheaded by the Advisory Committee on the Commercial Operations of Customs and Border Protection (COAC) with its annual Trade Efficiency survey. This benchmarking survey measures how effective CBP's trade facilitation efforts are at lowering the cost and burden of doing business for the Trade. As a result of the highly successful 2012 survey, CBP was able to proceed with the following achievements:

- Establish a working group to analyze CBP's current partnership programs based on survey feedback.
- Begin work on establishing Centers for Excellence and Expertise (CEE) metrics – including a customer satisfaction survey and the pursuit of academic studies on the CEEs.

To continue this excellent work, COAC would like your support by completing the COAC 2013 Trade Efficiency Survey. This captures your input on current, planned, and future CBP facilitation efforts by respondent type and industry type. The survey is anonymous and is accessible via a secure web-based survey tool. The survey takes approximately 20 minutes to finish, and it may be saved and finalized as time permits.

The survey is available from the following link:
http://www.surveyshare.com/s/AQA69VB

To have your input recorded, please submit the survey by Tuesday, July 23rd.

As COAC wishes to achieve feedback from the widest possible audience in order to obtain the most comprehensive input, please forward this link to your network. If you have any questions, please contact COAC member, Julie Parks, at Julie.A.Parks@raytheon.com.

Liquidated Damages for ISF Non-Compliance (CSMS #13-000298)

On June 7, 2013, CBP announced that it is making preparations to enter into the liquidated damages phase of the Importer Security Filing (ISF) enforcement process, which goes into effect next month.

This next phase of ISF enforcement will begin on July 9, 2013. CBP is adding the use of manifest holds and non-intrusive inspections to its plans for enforcement on ISF compliance. In order to achieve maximum compliance with the least amount of disruption to the trade and to domestic port operations, CBP has been applying a measured and common sense approach to enforcement.

CBP may issue liquidated damages of $5,000 per violation for the submission of an inaccurate, incomplete or untimely filing. Liquidated damages in simplified terms refer to a penalty secured by a bond. If goods arrive into the U.S. and an ISF has not been filed, CBP may withhold the release or transfer of the cargo. For carrier violations of the vessel stowage plan requirement, CBP may refuse to grant a permit to unlade the merchandise. Additionally, non-compliant cargo could be subject to further inspections upon arrival.

ISF and the additional carrier requirements were created to support the Security and Accountability For Every (SAFE) Port Act of 2006, which required the filing of additional advance data elements to help CBP make earlier and more informed targeting decisions and improve CBP's ability to target high-risk U.S -bound containerized vessel cargo prior to its arrival in the U.S.

For additional information on ISF, please use the following URL:
http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/cargo_security/carriers/security_filing/
or you may send an email with your questions to: security_filing_general@cbp.dhs.gov

Programing Changes to the ACE Entry Summary Query (CSMS # 13-000294)
CBP has revised the ACE Entry Summary Query and added a new JD record on the outbound response. This new record includes an indicator for CBP's review of the entry summary, entry date, and liquidated duties, taxes, and fees.

In order to allow time for the trade to make the necessary programing changes, this revised query will be deployed to ACE Production on or about July 27, 2013. An additional CSMS message will be sent when the new query has been deployed to the ACE Certification Environment to allow for trade testing.

The new ACE Entry Summary Query CATAIR Chapter titled *Entry Summary Query – For Future Release* is located at the following URL:
http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/automated/modernization/ace_edi_messages/catair_main/abi_catair/catair_chapters/

Truck Cargo Pre-Inspection Pilot

On June 17, 2013, CBP began Phase one of the Truck Cargo Pre-Inspection Pilot at the Pacific Highway crossing adjacent to Surrey, British Columbia (BC). This project is a collaborative effort by CBP, Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) and Public Safety Canada under the U.S./Canadian "Beyond the Border: A shared Vision for Perimeter Security and Economic Competitiveness" initiative. Transport Canada and the BC Ministry of Transport are also participating in the Pilot.

Phase one of the pilot is designed as a "proof of concept" to determine the viability of assigning CBP Officers to a Canadian border crossing to pre-inspect southbound trucks, drivers and cargo prior to arrival into the U.S. It will also test the viability of developed technologies and joint U.S./Canada procedures to conduct CBP primary truck processing in Canada. CBP will monitor wait times and provide traffic mitigation as needed.

Only trusted traders participating in CBP's Free and Secure Trade (FAST) Program will be eligible to use the dedicated CBP pre-inspection commercial primary booth located on the Canadian side of the border. Participation is not mandatory. Pre-inspection in Canada will include radiation screening and basic primary processing. Secondary inspection, when required, will continue in the U.S. port of entry.

The pilot will continue in Blaine for up to six months and will operate Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Phase two will test the feasibility of reducing cargo wait times.

Recent ACE Updates

Please note you may need to copy and paste the URLs below into your internet browser.

ACE Portal Enhancements and Fixes

During the June 1, 2013 ACE Production Environment Weekly Maintenance Window, the following changes were deployed that impact ACE Portal users:

- The Importer Security Filing (ISF) application may now be launched by trade users who have been granted access to ISF by the Trade Account Owner (TAO) in their ACE Portal Account.
- Trade users can now see their trade partners associated to their Type 2 bond, inside the In-bond Authorization list.

Updated ACE Documentation Available
The May version of the *ACEopedia* is now available and provides current information on a variety of ACE Topics. To access this document, please visit the "What's New with ACE?" page of CBP.gov, and click on "Current Status of ACE":
http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/automated/modernization/whats_new/

An updated version of the *ACE Timeline* has been posted to CBP.gov. This document summarizes the capabilities delivered in ACE to date, along with the capabilities that CBP plans to deliver in ACE over the next three years. To access this document, please visit the "What is ACE?" page of CBP.gov, and click on **ACE Timeline**:
http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/automated/modernization/ace/

ACE Portal References Tab Reminders:
The *Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS)* does not currently reside in the ACE Portal. However, an "HTS" link to the United States International Trade Commission's (USITC) website is provided, allowing trade users to quickly access the most current HTS information available.

The "Country Code" link enables a user to look up country code information by either selecting a country from the "Lookup Country Code" drop-down selection list or by entering a code in the "Lookup Country ISO Code" field. The Country Code portlet displays country code information, indicators, GSP and drawback eligibility information.

The "MID" link enables a user to search for manufacturer identification information. A user can either search by entering an "MID" code combination or by "Firm Name." When entering a firm name, please remember to use the entire spelling of the manufacturer name for results to be returned. Partial names or an asterisk for wild card searches are not allowed.

Your Questions:

Is the Date of Export Available in any ACE Report?

The date of export is available in the AD-001 Entry Summary Report Authorized Data Extract.

What are the Rules for Creating a Password?

Your new Password must:
- Contain exactly eight characters;
- Contain at least four letters;
- Contain at least one of the following symbols:!"$ %&*0+/:;<>?@[]^_{}#;
- Contain a combination of uppercase letters and lowercase letters and numbers;
- Not contain any consecutively repeated characters; and
- Not repeat previously used passwords.

Where do I find a scheduled report once it has run?

If you scheduled the report from your "Favorites" folder, the report results can be found by selecting the "History" link under the name of the report you scheduled. If you scheduled an Authorized Data Extract or you scheduled a standard report, the report results will be returned to your "inbox." All scheduled reports are available by selecting the "History" link under the name of the report you scheduled.